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Dept. Of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 N. Third Ave.
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to you regarding the species of salmon and steelhead that will become extinct by 2017 if you don't remove the four dams on the Snake River. We feel that they have every right to life as you and me, even more so because of their possible extinction to our world. One possible option for saving this species is the removal of the dams along the Snake River according to a team of federal, tribal, state and independent scientists. At one time, eastern Washington's Snake River produced half of all salmon in the entire Columbia Basin, an area that stretches through Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. But today, every stock of Snake River salmon is threatened, endangered, or already extinct. The dams that are killing them don't make sense for our economy, or for fish and wildlife. Both economists and local residents see a healthy economy in a future that includes healthy rivers and healthy salmon.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Chester High School Environmental Club

